

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing amendments, claims 1 – 5, 7, 8, 10 – 14, and 16 are currently pending in this application. Claims 6, 9, and 15 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 3 and 11 have been amended to more distinctly claim subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 5, 7, 13, and 14 have been amended to address informalities. In the specification, paragraphs [0045] and [0052] have been amended consistent with the amendments to claims 3 and 11, paragraph [0051] has been amended consistent with the cancellation of claim 9, and paragraph [0053] has been amended to correct typographical errors. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1 – 16 would be allowable if amended to overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant submits that corrective amendments to claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11 have placed claims 1 – 5, 7, 8, 10 – 14, and 16 in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings stand objected to as failing to show the features of claim 11. Applicant respectfully submits that the features of claim 11, as amended, are represented in Figs. 1 and 6. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 stands objected to due to an informality. A corrective amendment to claim 1 obviates this objection and, thus, withdrawal of the objection to claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1 – 5, 7, 8, 10 – 14, and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Corrective amendments to claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11 obviate these rejections and, thus, withdrawal of the 35 USC § 112 rejection of claims 1 – 5, 7, 8, 10 – 14, and 16 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 1 – 5, 7, 8, 10 – 14, and 16, is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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